
$^{49}\text{K} \beta^-$ decay

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Parent: ^{49}K : E=0.0; $J^\pi=(3/2^+)$; $T_{1/2}=1.26$ s 5; $Q(\beta^-)=1.097\times 10^4$ 7; % β^- decay=100.0

$^{49}\text{K}-\text{E}, J^\pi, T_{1/2}$: From ^{50}K Adopted Levels.

$^{49}\text{K}-Q(\beta^-)$: From [2003Au03](#).

$^{49}\text{K}-\% \beta^-$ decay: % β^- n=86 9 from simultaneous β and N measurements assuming % β^- n(^9Li)=50 4 ([1982Ca04](#)).

[1978De17](#): U(p,X) E=24 GeV. Measured β 's (2π scin) and γ 's and $\gamma(t)$.

[1983RaZR](#), [1982Ca04](#): U(p,X) E=600 MeV (ms). Measured β 's (scin), γ 's, B(t) and $\gamma(t)$, n's (long counter), and β n- and γ n-coincidences. The thesis of [1983RaZR](#) is apparently a more complete report of the work presented by [1982Ca04](#).

[1986Mi08](#): U(p,X) E=600 MeV (ms). Measured β^- 's ($\Delta E/E$ telescope), n's (scin), and β^- n coincidences. Deduced $Q(\beta^-)$.

Other: see [1995Bu23](#).

The β -strength function displays two resonances centered At \approx 6.5 and \approx 9.5 MeV In ^{49}Ca . See [1982Ca04](#) for additional discussion.

^{49}Ca Levels

Excitation energies reported by [1983RaZR](#) appear to Be 10 to 20 keV lower than those of [1982Ca04](#) for the unbound states. The states populated In ^{49}Ca via allowed β^- decay have a particle-hole nature and most are not seen In (d,p) As expected.

| E(level) [†] | J [‡] | T _{1/2} | Comments |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|--|
| 0 | 3/2 ⁻ | 8.718 min 6 | % β^- =100 $T_{1/2}, \% \beta^-$: from the Adopted Levels. |
| 2023.0 5 | 1/2 ⁻ | | |
| 3585.0 8 | 5/2 ⁻ | | Additional information 1 . |
| 4072 1 | 3/2 ⁻ | | |
| 4272 1 | 1/2 ⁻ | | |
| 5.30 $\times 10^3$ 1 | 1/2 [#] | | |
| 5.59 $\times 10^3$ 2 | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |
| 5.71 $\times 10^3$ 2 | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |
| 6.33 $\times 10^3$ 2 | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |
| 6.37 $\times 10^3$ 3 | (5/2 ⁺) [#] | | |
| 6.55 $\times 10^3$ 3 | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |
| 6.69 $\times 10^3$ 3 | 5/2 ⁺ # | | |
| 6.90 $\times 10^3$ 3 | 5/2 ⁺ # | | |
| 7.06 $\times 10^3$ 4 | 5/2 ⁺ # | | |
| 7.28 $\times 10^3$ 5 | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |
| 7.42 $\times 10^3$ 5 | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |
| 7.59 $\times 10^3$ 6 | (1/2,3/2,5/2) [@] | | |
| 7.80 $\times 10^3$ 7 | (1/2,3/2,5/2) [@] | | |
| 8.14 $\times 10^3$ & 7 | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |
| 8.39 $\times 10^3$ & 8 | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |
| 8.67 $\times 10^3$ & 9 | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |
| 9.10 $\times 10^3$ a | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |
| 9.28 $\times 10^3$ 10 | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |
| 9.58 $\times 10^3$ 11 | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |
| 10.10 $\times 10^3$ & 13 | (1/2 ⁺ ,3/2 ⁺ ,5/2 ⁺) | | |

[†] Energies are from [1982Ca04](#) and uncertainties are from [1983RaZR](#).

[‡] From the Adopted Levels for states below 5 MeV and from $\log ft < 5.9$ from (3/2⁺) for states above 5 MeV, except As noted.

^{49}K β^- decay (continued) ^{49}Ca Levels (continued)[#] From the Adopted Levels.[@] log $ft=5.8$ 2 and 5.6 3 from ($3/2^+$), respectively.[&] Not reported by [1982Ca04](#).^a Not reported by [1983RaZR](#). β^- radiations

Intensities for B^- feeding of states above 4300 differ by $\leq \approx 1\%$ between [1983RaZR](#) and [1982Ca04](#).
 $\log ft(F) \log f^{lu} t \geq 8.5$.

| E(decay) [†] | E(level) | I β^- ^{‡b} | Log ft | Comments |
|---|----------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| 4.0×10^2 ^{#@c} 13 | 10100 | 0.05 1 | 4.1 4 | av $E\beta=316$ 63 |
| 9.1×10^2 11 | 9580 | 0.10 2 | 4.6 2 | av $E\beta=544$ 59 |
| 1.23×10^3 10 | 9280 | 0.10 2 | 4.9 2 | av $E\beta=680$ 57 |
| $(1.87 \times 10^3$ ^{&} 7) | 9100 | 0.2 [†] | 4.8 | av $E\beta=763$ 33 |
| 1.83×10^3 ^{#@c} 9 | 8670 | 0.30 6 | 5.0 2 | av $E\beta=965$ 54 |
| 2.11×10^3 ^{#@c} 8 | 8390 | 1.0 2 | 4.7 1 | av $E\beta=1098$ 51 |
| 2.36×10^3 ^{#@c} 7 | 8140 | 0.5 1 | 5.2 1 | av $E\beta=1217$ 48 |
| 2.72×10^3 7 | 7800 | 0.3 2 | 5.6 3 | av $E\beta=1380$ 48 |
| 2.93×10^3 6 | 7590 | 0.3 1 | 5.8 2 | av $E\beta=1481$ 45 |
| 3.10×10^3 5 | 7420 | 1.4 4 | 5.2 1 | av $E\beta=1564$ 42 |
| $(3.69 \times 10^3$ ^{#@} 9) | 7280 | 2.5 6 | 5.0 1 | av $E\beta=1631$ 42 |
| $(3.91 \times 10^3$ ^{#@} 8) | 7060 | 9.2 18 | 4.65 1 | av $E\beta=1738$ 40 |
| 3.61×10^3 3 | 6900 | 1.4 4 | 5.4 2 | av $E\beta=1816$ 37 |
| $(4.28 \times 10^3$ ^{#@} 8) | 6690 | 14.3 28 | 4.5 1 | av $E\beta=1918$ 37 |
| $(4.42 \times 10^3$ ^{#@} 8) | 6550 | 17.6 21 | 4.5 1 | av $E\beta=1986$ 38 |
| $(4.60 \times 10^3$ 8) | 6370 | 2.1 4 | 5.5 1 | av $E\beta=2074$ 38 |
| $(4.64 \times 10^3$ 7) | 6330 | 8.0 16 | 4.9 1 | av $E\beta=2093$ 36 |
| 4.78×10^3 2 | 5710 | 8.4 19 | 5.2 1 | av $E\beta=2396$ 36 |
| 4.91×10^3 2 | 5590 | 13.4 29 | 5.0 1 | av $E\beta=2455$ 36 |
| 5.20×10^3 1 | 5300 | 6.7 7 | 5.4 1 | av $E\beta=2597$ 35 |
| $(6.70 \times 10^3$ 7) | 4272 | 3.3 | 6.1 | av $E\beta=3101$ 35 |
| $(6.90 \times 10^3$ 7) | 4072 | 0.2 | 7.3 | av $E\beta=3199$ 35 |
| $(7.39 \times 10^3$ 7) | 3585.0 | 0.2 | 7.5 | av $E\beta=3438$ 35 |
| $(8.95 \times 10^3$ ^c 7) | 2023.0 | 0.4 ^a | 7.6 | av $E\beta=4206$ 35 |
| $(1.097 \times 10^4$ 7) | 0 | 10.0 | 6.6 | av $E\beta=5199$ 35 |

[†] From [1983RaZR](#).[‡] Absolute intensity. The g.s. feeding of ^{49}Ca was obtained by comparing ^{49}Ca to ^{49}Sc activity to that of ^{49}K to ^{49}Ca and by direct measurement of the $I\beta'$ s and $I\gamma'$ s. $\Delta I\beta$ from [1983RaZR](#) adjusted by the evaluator to correspond to $I\beta$ given by [1982Ca04](#).[#] $E\beta$ from [1983RaZR](#) and [1986Mi08](#) are discrepant for these transitions: 3.95 MeV 3, 3.82 MeV 3, 3.45 MeV 4 and 3.23 MeV 5 ([1983RaZR](#)) compared to 4.17 MeV 10, 4.18 MeV 6, 4.05 MeV 5, and 3.91 MeV 11 ([1986Mi08](#)).[@] Not reported by [1982Ca04](#).[&] Not reported by [1983RaZR](#).^a -1.1 3 from the decay scheme.^b Absolute intensity per 100 decays.^c Existence of this branch is questionable.

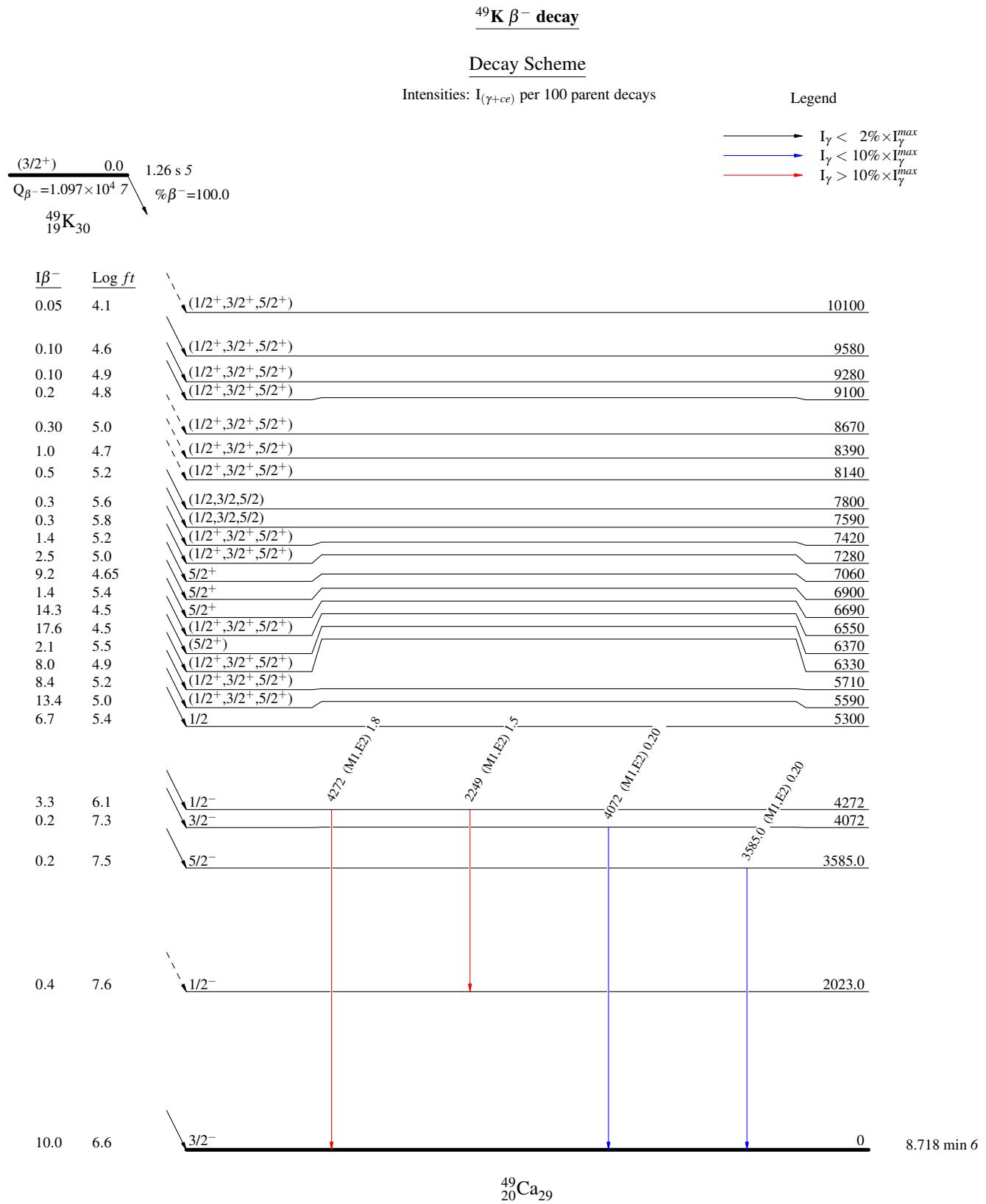
^{49}K β^- decay (continued) $\gamma(^{49}\text{Ca})$ From $\% \beta^-$ n=86 9 and $I\beta(\text{g.s.})=10$.

| E_γ^\dagger | $I_\gamma^{\ddagger @}$ | $E_i(\text{level})$ | J_i^π | E_f | J_f^π | Mult. [#] | $\alpha^&$ | Comments |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|--|
| 2023.0 | 0.4 | 2023.0 | $1/2^-$ | 0 | $3/2^-$ | (M1,E2) | 0.000314 5 | $\alpha=0.000314 5; \alpha(K)=1.82\times 10^{-5} 9;$ $\alpha(L)=1.56\times 10^{-6} 7; \alpha(M)=1.85\times 10^{-7} 9;$ $\alpha(N+..)=0.00029 4$ $\alpha(N)=1.05\times 10^{-8} 5; \alpha(IPF)=0.00029 4$ $I_\gamma: 32 6$ (1978De17). $\alpha=0.000415 6; \alpha(K)=1.52\times 10^{-5} 6;$ $\alpha(L)=1.30\times 10^{-6} 5; \alpha(M)=1.54\times 10^{-7} 6;$ $\alpha(N+..)=0.00039 5$ $\alpha(N)=8.8\times 10^{-9} 4; \alpha(IPF)=0.00039 5$ $I_\gamma: I_\gamma(2249\gamma)/I_\gamma(4272\gamma)=27 6/31 8$ (1978De17). Note discrepancy with $I_\gamma(2250\gamma)/I_\gamma(4272\gamma)=43 9/100 20$ In (d,py). |
| 2249 | 1.54 28 | 4272 | $1/2^-$ | 2023.0 | $1/2^-$ | (M1,E2) | 0.000415 6 | $\alpha=0.000415 6; \alpha(K)=1.52\times 10^{-5} 6;$ $\alpha(L)=1.30\times 10^{-6} 5; \alpha(M)=1.54\times 10^{-7} 6;$ $\alpha(N+..)=0.00039 5$ $\alpha(N)=8.8\times 10^{-9} 4; \alpha(IPF)=0.00039 5$ $I_\gamma: I_\gamma(2249\gamma)/I_\gamma(4272\gamma)=27 6/31 8$ (1978De17). Note discrepancy with $I_\gamma(2250\gamma)/I_\gamma(4272\gamma)=43 9/100 20$ In (d,py). |
| 3585.0 | 0.2 | 3585.0 | $5/2^-$ | 0 | $3/2^-$ | (M1,E2) | 0.000977 14 | $\alpha=0.000977 14; \alpha(K)=7.25\times 10^{-6} 17;$ $\alpha(L)=6.20\times 10^{-7} 14; \alpha(M)=7.36\times 10^{-8} 17;$ $\alpha(N+..)=0.00096 7$ $\alpha(N)=4.20\times 10^{-9} 10; \alpha(IPF)=0.00096 7$ $I_\gamma:$ branching ratio from Adopted Gammas. |
| 4072 | 0.2 | 4072 | $3/2^-$ | 0 | $3/2^-$ | (M1,E2) | 0.001137 16 | $\alpha=0.001137 16; \alpha(K)=6.02\times 10^{-6} 13;$ $\alpha(L)=5.14\times 10^{-7} 11; \alpha(M)=6.11\times 10^{-8} 13;$ $\alpha(N+..)=0.00113 7$ $\alpha(N)=3.48\times 10^{-9} 8; \alpha(IPF)=0.00113 7$ $I_\gamma:$ branching ratio from Adopted Gammas. |
| 4272 | 1.76 28 | 4272 | $1/2^-$ | 0 | $3/2^-$ | (M1,E2) | 0.001208 17 | $\alpha=0.001208 17; \alpha(K)=5.62\times 10^{-6} 12;$ $\alpha(L)=4.80\times 10^{-7} 10; \alpha(M)=5.70\times 10^{-8} 12;$ $\alpha(N+..)=0.00120 8$ $\alpha(N)=3.25\times 10^{-9} 7; \alpha(IPF)=0.00120 8$ $I_\gamma:$ see comment on $I_\gamma(2249\gamma)$. |

[†] From the excitation energies. Others: 2025 2, 2252 2, and 4278 4 ([1978De17](#)).[‡] Absolute photon intensity from absolute $I\beta$ and branching ratios given under comments. Note that [1978De17](#) cite absolute $I\gamma$'s assuming No delayed-neutron activity.[#] From the Adopted Gammas.

@ For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 1.00 23.

& Total theoretical internal conversion coefficients, calculated using the BrIcc code ([2008Ki07](#)) with Frozen orbital approximation based on γ -ray energies, assigned multipolarities, and mixing ratios, unless otherwise specified.



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Decay Scheme (continued)

Intensities: $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$ per 100 parent decays